

GENERAL MEETING APRIL 5, 2017

Meeting called to order by Cindy Ferguson at 9am.

Quorum established.

Minutes: Highlights of the last meeting were read by Nancy Nighbor: If you are scheduled to OD or monitor, you are required to stay the entire shift, unless you are by yourself. You must leave after 15 minutes if you are there alone. Motion to approve minutes was given by Hedda Orr and seconded by June Marten.

Cindy Ferguson took a moment to thank Debbie Placher and all her team for the job they did on the Craft Fair and a thank you to Nicole Donati for Happy Camp and for all her volunteers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Class updates - Nicole Donati April classes:

Dry Brush Class April 13th at 8:30

Pouring class April 12,17,19 8am - 12pm

Demo crystals April 5 after meeting

Classes resume Starting in October

Happy Camp - Thank you to all volunteers at Happy Camp. Kids did a wonderful job. Total of 61 kids.

Cindy Ferguson reported that members should direct all issues about classes to Nicole Donati. As Vice President, part of her job is Class Coordinator.

Also a thank you to Kaye Colbeck and her team for getting the special requests up to date.

Craft Fair - 4,020.00 gross sales. There were 370 pieces and 149 were sold. Raffle brought in \$520.00.

Christmas Party sign up sheets are available for sign up. December 6th at 5pm at the Colonnade. Cost \$25.00. Sign up sheets are on the table.

Events - Kay Oteham - May 10 12pm will be Vegas Buffet. Sign up sheets will be on the desk Very soon. Events for 2017 are displayed on the desk and the plans for 2018 are set.

Firing Room - Kathy Langford-Edwards - 738 pieces were fired this month. Please make sure your marks are on your pieces. Firing room will be closed April 6 for kiln maintenance .

Cindy Ferguson - Just a reminder to record your volunteer hours. Also when you are monitoring and you have to leave, let someone know so they can cover your place.

Membership - Cindy Ferguson - When signing up new members, please be sure to ask them which name tag they would like to order. It is important to wear your name tag so we can all get to know each other.

Pouring - Kaye Colbeck - Much thanks to everyone who has volunteered to pour and clean, You are greatly appreciated.

Two procedure changes for self pouring, Please put your pieces in the drying cabinet that is marked self pour. Cabinets in the front are now for special requests only. Please ask an OD or monitor to get your pieces out for you.

Pouring class starts next Wednesday. If interested please sign up. We really need summer help because the snowbirds are leaving soon.

Supplies - Judy Aden - Snowbirds, we need your jars for glazed. Please remember we can't use any jar that has acid or vinegar, like spaghetti sauce or pickles. Also when pouring glaze, please wipe off the top, so the next person can open it.

The new crystals are available and if you would like to learn more about them, there is a demo after the meeting.

With crystals as a whole, like jungle Gems or crystalites: stir the top half of the glaze, do not stir crystals on the bottom. Apply first coat and let dry. Apply second coat, again stirring the top half only. Let dry. Before you apply the third coat, stir the crystals up from the bottom of jar and apply to one inch from the bottom of the piece. No crystals on the bottom, the piece. It will ruin the the kiln shelves or the stilts Any leftover crystals in jar, can be reused with another glaze.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Publicity Chair - Still have a vacancy. This month Cindy put in a piece in the paper and a picture of the pouring team. She could really use our help.

NEW BUSINESS:

Leadership Meeting Report: All of the officers were in attendance. These are club officer training held twice a year. In February 2018 it will be Sun City West's 40th anniversary celebration. One of the things they have planned is a parade. Roseanne Roelandts has volunteered to head up a team for this event. She also volunteers to do the Newcomers orientation. We have purchased a tri-fold board to display our club.

Volunteer Hours for New Members: To clarify any confusion about how new members receive volunteer hours, the procedure will be as follows:

Starting in the fall, a monthly orientation will be held, independent of the Beginners Class. All new members will be required to attend before they can begin working in the club. They will receive 4 hours for that current month and be expected to work that same month to have hours going forward. They will be encouraged to take the Beginners Class but it will not be required.

Parking lot crosswalk - There will be more patrols by Maricopa county. Please pay attention when going in the crosswalk.

Suggestion Box: Fragrances and sprays Please be considerate of the members who have allergies.

If you are using tools from the front desk, please remember to return them. Also the towels used by the pouring teams should not be used for wrapping personal pieces. We provide shredded paper and bags for that purpose.

Front windows - Shirley Reynolds - Window change will be April 26 from 9 - 10:30. Bring in your pieces keeping in mind the summer season.

Pictures - Evelyn Lewis would like all those have not had their pictures taken to stay after the meeting.

Lost and Found - If nobody claims the pieces they will go to Eve's Place. A box will be placed under the front desk.

Fired pieces 738, Volunteer hours 1,224.5 and club usage 980 hours.

Next general meeting will be May 4th.

Raffle winner was Mike Marshall.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45.

Nancy Nighbor
Secretary

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